Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Government fully realise that, and the courts have fixed a certain period giving time to the judgment-debtor. Individual cases will be considered on the merits of each case. It is a matter of discretion to the court. If the judgment-debtor pays a pittance, the courts are generally inclined to grant adjournments.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* This also comes within the purview of the discretion.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is not the Code of Civil Procedure exhaustive on that?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Will the Hon'ble Member for Law kindly inform the House whether a resolution has not been passed by this House to proclaim moratorium until the conditions of the agriculturists are improved?

Mr. President: It does not arise.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Hon'ble Member for Law kindly inform the House the answer to Question 367 (*e*)?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The answer to the question is "Nil."

19. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to the reply given to question No. 367 (*e*) on 29th May 1942, on the floor of the Legislative Council will Government be pleased to inform whether they will be pleased to issue instructions to courts to adjourn court sales and other execution steps if the decree-debtor deposits or cause to be deposited in cash or in advance interest on the decree amount at 6 per cent interest for the period for which the execution steps, etc., are adjourned in view of the economic situation?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The member is referred to the answer to sub-division (*b*) of question No. 18.

CIVIC GUARDS—EXPENDITURE—PARTICULARS OF

20. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount Government have spent till now on the civic guards;

(*b*) what will be the recurring expenditure for the same per mensem?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Rs. 28,975—1—0 (till 10—7—1942).

(*b*) About Rs. 5,750.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, what is the period for which this amount of 28 thousand and odd was spent?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* From the date of the organisation up to 10th July 1942. The organisation was started in 1940.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That is for a period of an year and a half? It is stated that so far as recurring expenditure is concerned it is 5,000 and odd. What is the period?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is recurring annually.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that these special guards are not being paid the promised allowance regularly?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No. Last month, there has been some delay.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is the recurring expenditure per year or per month?

Mr. President: It is per month.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET—*(cont.)*

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, before I go into the budget proper, I think it is necessary that in a general discussion in the House we should take a large view of all questions relating to Cochin's position in the world. I would therefore say that the little remarks that I make will be divided into five heads. The first is *Cochin on the map.* Cochin on the map has been of late looming large, because of the harbour, the port and because it has now been made the gateway of India with a bridge with the mainland connecting even the coasts on the other side of the backwater and has become an important target for agression in this war. It is the biggest transmitting centre for supplies. You have the military naval and air force here, with railway stations and traffic of great and expanding activities of sea-borne and inland water-borne trade. It is also one of the outlets and a commercial distributing centre and has therefore become an all important and a vitally important piece of territory for the operation of the Allies who are fighting this war.

Now, I come to the war. The entire resources of our State have been offered on the date of the installation of His Highness the Maharaja and placed at the disposal of His Majesty the King Emperor. His Highness said, "My entire resources are placed at the disposal of Great Britain

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